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17 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, D/E

SUBJECT: Request for D/E Support of Proposed EDIC Cases

1. Attached are two draft EDIC cases, prepared in response to requests from Mr. Robert Reiss, Commerce member on EDIC.

a) Regarding Case 6: Ch/C has approved EDIC's undertaking this request. I have contacted Miss Maddox and Mr. Chamberlain, M/CH, for advice as to availability of pertinent information. Upon Mr. Chamberlain's advice, I visited Messrs. McCaffrey and Bates, Department of Defense. From this preliminary survey, it appears that no information is available which would indicate Soviet bloc use of berax products for rocket fuel and jet plane application. I understand, however, that an EIC subcommittee is interested in this general subject and that [REDACTED] in D/I has competence in the field of missiles, etc.

b) Regarding Case 7: No action has been taken on this proposed case.

2. It is requested that Acting Chief, E/O be asked to undertake the coordination of the above two cases on behalf of EDIC. Please indicate your approval of these cases as proposed or any modification which you consider necessary.

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Executive Secretary

Attachments

- 1 - Draft EDIC Case No. 6
- 2 - Draft EDIC Case No. 7

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EDIC Case No. 6
Control No.
17 May 1955

SUBJECT

Soviet Bloc Use of Berax Products (Beric Acid and Berates -
I/L 3715) for Rocket Fuel and Other Jet Plane Application

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Commerce/BFC; 13 May 1955

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible

PROPOSED USE

Information to be used by BFC and JOC in determining whether
the strategic rating of subject commodities should be raised.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

Background - The BFC states that berax products, among other uses,
are understood to have use in one form of rocket fuel and in jet
plane exhaust systems. A Soviet Bloc shortage of berax and its
products has been well established. The bloc is continuing to
make strenuous efforts to obtain these products from the Free
World. It appears desirable at this time to attempt to learn
whether the bloc is using these products in rocket fuel and in
any other jet plane application. Should such uses by the bloc
be identified all data available are requested, to support U.S.
efforts to obtain a higher COCOM security classification than
the present listing of I/L III.

A preliminary and unsuccessful search for pertinent information
has been made by the Executive Secretary in CIA and the Department
of Defense.

References - IWG/ID-15, 24 November 1953, Information Document on
"Indications of Soviet Bloc Vulnerability to Controls of West-East
Movement of Beron Compounds"; Memorandum from Director Agricultural
and Chemical Products Division, BFC, to Coordinator Technical
Task Groups, Department of Commerce of 17 March 1955 on "Beric
Acid and Berates".

ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

CIA will undertake to provide the requester with desired information
and will draw upon the resources of the EIC and the Department of

Defense (AFOSR, Research & Development) for this purpose.

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EDIC Case No. 7
Control No.
17 May 1955

SUBJECT

Export of Ortho-Teluidine to Communist China

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Commerce/BFC; 18 May 1955

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible

PROPOSED USE

Information required by BFC and JOC in connection with possibly establishing a strategic rating for subject commodity.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

Background - The BFC states that in the United States the subject commodity, which has no strategic rating, is used as a dye intermediate. However, it also can be used as an anti-knock additive in aviation gasoline. BFC desires to know if there is any indication that Communist China is using this chemical for an avgas additive.

BFC is informed by the trade that there appear to be periodic shipments of from 10,000 to 40,000 pounds of subject commodity from Western Europe through Hong Kong to Communist China, and the trade believes that over 1,250,000 lbs. of the commodity may have moved into Communist China in the past two years. The commodity is produced throughout Europe. The U.S. producers believe that European importers of ortho-teluidine from the U.S. are exporting European supplies to Communist China.

References - None provided by requester

ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

CIA will undertake to answer this BFC request and will draw upon the resources of other EDIC member agencies for information and competence, as necessary.